

NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY OPENED

New Library Is Impressive Structure Well Suited to Needs of Reading Public

Style of Building Is French Renaissance with Detail of Italian Character of That Period—Principal Feature Is Main Floor Which Occupies Entire Space of Building

Justly situated on Saskatchewan street, which winds along the hillside and at that point looks down upon Diamond Park to the valley, in the eastward, the new public library building, the beautiful location, close to the centre of Edmonton. Partly opened on August 1st and officially opened with fitting ceremony and exercises, Aug. 30th, 1923, the new library building will serve as a centre for the growing patronage of a large class of book lovers and readers.

The west front of the building is the main front and faces the square fronting the Memorial Hall. This style of the building is French Renaissance, the detail however having more of the character of the Italian work of that period. The plans were prepared and executed by O. H. MacDonald and H. A. Macdonald, architects of this city.

Of impressive appearance, the new edifice is constructed of cream-colored terra-cotta clay brick and decorated with four Doric Ionic columns of Bedford stone. The roof is of red tile and the gutters, eaves, flashing and sky-lights are of copper.

From the flower decked lawn to the square, along the driveway, which is bordered by the building, reached. The entrance consists of a series of steps leading to the right or to the left. These entrances are cross-connected by a series of stairs in the main entrance.

The interior stairs are carried out on terraces and mezzanine. The vestibule is lined with Chen wood. The entrance room and book room are of oak and the interior finish-

floor and a basement. The two lower floors have service departments and stairs from the portions of the main floor which are devoted to lecture room and children's department. These lower floors have direct connection with the main floor. The main floor is a storage, shipping, loading, library and book room for the staff.

In the south end of the basement is a large stack room for newspapers and magazines and a storage room. These have direct connection with the library, electric elevator and with stacks and other equipment and are well lighted, having overhead windows. At the foot of the main stairs and connected with the main floor is the shipping and receiving room with its spiral chutes, designed to receive all books and books returned from branch libraries. These books are all landed in standard steel boxes which facilitate their movement and safe handling. From this room the books may readily pass to the library, waiting room or storage or be sent out to branch libraries for exchange.

Between the shipping room and boiler room on the east side are the main staff toilet and locker rooms. There is located also the vacuum cleaner of pump type. It has a magnetic switch control so that it may be readily operated on any floor. These vacuum cleaners to-day play a large part in library routine since books must be frequently cleaned and the use of a vacuum cleaner is the modern method.

Hot Water Supply
A large coal room with a capacity of three cordage is also located in the basement. The domestic hot water supply consists of a boiler and tank. The heating system is of the forced hot water type and two boilers and a pump are provided.

The pumps force forced circulation at a speed three times the ordinary rate common to systems in dwellings. A tunnel provides the carrying of all pipe around the outside walls.

On the ground floor but extending to the east side adjoining the main floor is the service department for the staff. This is most convenient for the staff. It is most convenient for the staff. It is most convenient for the staff.

Opening Ceremonies Draw Large Crowds at Both the Afternoon, Night Meetings

Official Opening Ceremony Is Performed by Premier Greenfield—Large Portrait of Chairman Barclay Is Unveiled by Mayor Duggan—Dr. Luke Means Is Evening

In the afternoon at the opening ceremonies and again in the evening when a special address was delivered by Dr. George H. Locke, large crowds of Edmonton citizens gathered in the new library building. Several distinguished musical numbers were provided by local artists.

In presenting to the citizens of Edmonton, their new library building, Dr. Barclay called upon Premier Greenfield to officially open the new edifice. This was a great pleasure since the premier in view of the fact that institutions of this

kind are few in the province. The general representation of all sections classes and creeds that were present at the opening testified very plainly, declared Mayor I. M. Duggan, that the library was filling the needs of all classes. Commending the work of L. T. Barclay, he said it gave him pleasure to then unveil a large painting of the chairman of the board, Mr. Barclay.

Some details of construction were given by O. H. MacDonald, architect and credit was given to the local workmen whose skill was recognized as an expression of the national pride. Architecture can be interpreted as an expression of the national pride. Architecture can be interpreted as an expression of the national pride.

An ardent supporter of library work, a former premier of the province, Dr. Rutherford, in a short speech referred to the growth of this city and the very creditable record of development. As it is very desirable that we should have an intelligent people, there was need of library expansion.

Evening Meeting
Reference was made in a speech by chairman Barclay at the opening of the evening program to the creditable collections of books within the library in Edmonton and the creditable collection of books within the library in Edmonton.

Dr. Barclay, who is a noteworthy figure in the world of letters, made some kindly personal remarks to the citizens who have furthered the work of the library.

Finances were touched upon in short speech by Mayor J. H. Stewart. The building committee and appreciation expressed of the service.

of Mr. Barclay who journeyed with the mayor to New York City and secured an additional grant from the Carnegie Foundation. The people voted \$27,000 and this was added to the \$100,000 which was secured in Canada except \$100 worth of facing brick and \$1,000 worth of Indian stone outside of cash to the amount of \$112,000.

Donor's Work
Taking ten minutes to tell something of ten years work, R. L. Hill, the librarian while stating that the building was eminently suited for the work to be done, reminded his hearers that the library was ready to accept the work to be done in variety and in quantity opened to the reader a large field for personal development.

In the address of the evening, Dr. Locke stressed the work that can be done in libraries among juveniles. Adults he said, were in the critical stage, the steepest stage, so that a great deal could be done in the wise development of the growing generation. He told of the "Boys" and Girls House in Toronto, devoted entirely to the young and there, 1,000 books per week are circulated and books of higher average quality than circulates among adults. This proved the value of juvenile work and showed that a library extends the opportunity for citizens to develop.

Training value of "story hours" at the library was also expressed as a result of careful watch over results obtained. The speaker told a gentleman that at Hull, house of history which included all details of treatment and omitted interesting details. With the details that the boy loves in a story, he can build up vivid pictures of the happenings.

Illustrating the value of book knowledge, Dr. Barclay told of a librarian at a research bureau who were kept there, stated that it provided their staff from making fools of themselves. In other words a study first of all of problems undertaken for research, enabled them to start work where previous students had left off.

FRANK FLANAGAN RESTS IN LONDON AFTER OPERA TOUR
Frank Flanagan, well known local singer and formerly a member of the 21st battalion, has been heard of from London in a letter to the local G.W.U. following a successful appearance in "La Traviata" in Italy.

London where he is now resting up after an operation in the southern of London. He intends returning to southern Europe again in September.

Those Who Had Part In Construction Work

Coming \$110,000, the new library building, which was so much admired during the inspection yesterday, was largely the product of local firms and Edmontonian labor. The general contractors were the Poole Construction Limited of which J. H. Stewart is local manager. Mr. Amundson who was the supervisor on the job was formerly with Reid, McDonald & Brewster. In 1922, Poole, president of the company, which also has offices in Regina, was in the city for the opening.

In August 1922, the contract was let for \$121,000 to three general contractors, who have permanently located in the city and maintain a yard for equipment on 16th street, and work was carried forward until freeze-up. This year the building has been completed to the general satisfaction of all concerned and as Elmer E. Rogers stated without any extra charge being levied for changes in the plans or unforeseen contingencies. All local labor was employed.

Plumbing and heating was an important feature and the contract was let to the Ideal Plumbing and Heating Co. for \$1,144. They have installed the fixtures to the satisfaction of the committee and their work drew forth special commendation by the architects in their report.

The Bedford stone was furnished by the Capital Stone Works Ltd., stone contractors, from their yards in Edmonton. With a few exceptions. (Continued on Page Three)

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Alberta Decorators

J. and H. THWAITES :: PHONE 2778

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NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY
WAS FURNISHED BY US UNDER CONTRACT

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SPORTS

MANY GAMES WILL BE PLAYED IN EDMONTON OVER THE WEEK END AND ON HOLIDAY MONDAY

Davis Cup Finals To Be Played Today

Bill Johnston and Bill Tilden Meet Anderson and Hawkes in Initial Singles Encounter to Be Played Today at Forest Hills—Hawkes and Anderson Will Play Together in Doubles

LACROSSE MEN PREPARING FOR CALGARY TEAM

Large Squad Attends Practice—Will Be Game on Sunday Afternoon

With the opening of the lacrosse season just a little over a week away, all present plans are current. The Edmonton players were out to the number of about 20 last night at Diamond Park, preparing for the first of an inter-city series with Calgary a week from Saturday. The team which will be scheduled to play the game has just got under way. Quite a few experienced players who have been playing in other cities during the past two years as well as a number of local athletes were expected to show up for the game in the course of the present season. The game will start at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

There will be another practice tonight starting shortly after six o'clock and on Monday afternoon there will be a game between picked players. This will be the first appearance in public of Edmonton's new lacrosse club. The game will start at 2 p.m. on Monday.

CRICKET

Civil Service Team

The Heavy of the Civil Service cricket team for their game with the Andersons on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Golf links will be as follows: W. Parker, R. Miller, L. H. Lafferty, R. Hendon, J. W. Wood, J. A. Boyle, H. R. Mountford, J. H. Fiddler, W. Townsend, W. Street.

BOWLING AVERAGES FIRST HALF OF SEASON

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Veteran 'Pro' Shows How To Squirm Out Of Traps

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McGraw's pitching this season, as evidenced by the National League, is as remarkable as any time since he became a big league pitcher. McGraw, who has been a pitcher for over 20 years, is being courted by both leagues.

His career is known by all followers of the National League. He pitched at the Polo Grounds in the fall of 1918 as an 11th rounder. McGraw, who has been a pitcher for over 20 years, is being courted by both leagues.

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Outlaws Will Play Chipman, Lamont

Lamont Team Will Be Here for Double-Header on Saturday and Chipman on Monday Afternoon—Lacrosse Game Will Be Played Sunday Afternoon—Football on Saturday Night

Edmonton is going to have a busy time in the matter of sport over the coming week-end. Baseball, football and lacrosse games will be played. Diamond Park will be occupied from two o'clock Saturday until nine at night and again on Sunday afternoon and Monday afternoon.

The Outlaws will have the same team on the diamond for their four games. The team will be the same as the one which played for the first time on Saturday.

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City Title TRAP SHOOT SET SEPT. 8

Second Annual Championship Shoot of the Edmonton Gun Club Arranged

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